

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A program guide display~~An apparatus for which~~
displaying a program guide comprising:
 - a storing device which ~~for storing~~ contract conditions of a plurality of programs;
 - a program information receiving device which ~~for receiving~~ program information about the programs;
 - a program selection accepting device which ~~for accepting~~ a selection of a desirable program from the a-plurality of the programs;
 - a contract conditions reading device which ~~for reading~~ the contract conditions corresponding to a selected program whose selection is accepted;
 - a program information reading device which ~~for reading~~ viewing conditions from the program information corresponding to about the selected program, the viewing conditions indicating that the selected program is any one of a free-of-charge program, a pay-per-view program, and a conditional access program;
 - a comparison device which compares the read viewing conditions with the read contract conditions;

a determining device which ~~for determining~~ing whether the selected program is allowed to be viewed ~~by on the basis of the comparison result by the comparison device between the read information and the read contract conditions; and~~

a displaying device which ~~for displaying~~ specifying information to specify the selected program; and determining result information on the basis of the result of determining by the determining device on an identical screen, at least if the result of determining is that the selected program is not allowed to be viewed.

2. (currently amended): The program guide display apparatus ~~for displaying a program guide~~ according to claim 1, wherein the displaying device ~~also displays~~ the specifying information ~~on the basis of the result of determining by the determining device on the identical screen~~, if the result of determining is that the selected program is allowed to be viewed.

3. (currently amended): The program guide display apparatus ~~for displaying a program guide~~ according to claim 1, wherein the program information ~~about programs received read by the program information receiving device~~ is provided by EPG data.

4. (currently amended): The program guide display apparatus ~~for displaying a program guide~~ according to claim 1, wherein the program information ~~about programs read by the program information reading device~~ includes at least a name of the selected programs, contents information about ~~the contents of the~~ selected programs, a start time of the selected

programs, a length of the selected programs or a finish time of the selected programs, a broadcasting channels of the selected programs, a broadcasting dates of the selected programs, and the viewing conditions of the selected programs; and

~~the determining device determines whether the selected program is allowed to be viewed by comparison between the read viewing conditions and the read contract conditions; and~~

the displaying device displays at least the name of the selected program; and the contents information of the selected program; ~~and information on the basis of the result of determining by the determining device on the identical screen, at least if the result of determining is that the selected program is not allowed to be viewed.~~

5. (currently amended): The program guide display apparatus ~~for displaying a program guide~~ according to claim 4, wherein the displaying device also displays the determining result ~~information on the basis of the result of determining by the determining device on the~~ identical screen, if the result of determining is that the selected program is allowed to be viewed.

6. (currently amended): The program guide display apparatus ~~for displaying a program guide~~ according to claim 4, wherein the program information received ~~about programs read by the program information receiving device is provided by EPG data.~~

7. (currently amended): A program guide display method ~~of which displaying a~~ program guide comprising the processes of:

a storing process which stores ~~storing~~ contract conditions of a plurality of programs;
a program information receiving process receives ~~receiving~~ program information about
the programs;

a program selection accepting process which accepts ~~accepting~~ a selection of a desirable
program from the a-plurality of the programs;

a contract conditions reading process which reads ~~reading~~ the contract conditions
corresponding to a selected program whose selection is accepted;

a program information reading process which reads ~~reading~~ viewing conditions from the
program information corresponding to ~~about~~ the selected program, the viewing conditions
indicating that the selected program is any one of a free-of-charge program, a pay-per-view
program, and a conditional access program;

a comparison process which compares the read viewing conditions with the read contract
conditions;

a determining process which determines ~~determining~~ whether the selected program is
allowed to be viewed on the basis of the ~~by~~ comparison result in the comparison process ~~between~~
~~the read information and the read contract conditions;~~ and

a displaying process which displays ~~displaying~~ specifying information to specify the
selected program; and determining result information on the basis of the result of determining in
the determining process ~~by the determining device~~ on an identical screen, at least if the result of
determining is that the selected program is not allowed to be viewed.

8. (currently amended): The program guide display method of displaying a program guide according to claim 7, wherein the displaying process of displaying information also displays the specifying information on the basis of the result of determining by the determining device on the identical screen, if the result of determining is that the selected program is allowed to be viewed.

9. (currently amended): The program guide display method of displaying a program guide according to claim 7, wherein the received program information received in the program information receiving process about programs is provided by EPG data.

10. (currently amended): The program guide display method for displaying a program guide according to claim 7, wherein the received program information about programs read in the program information reading process includes at least a name of the selected programs, contents information about the contents of the selected programs, a start time of the selected programs, a length of the selected programs or a finish time of the selected programs, a broadcasting channels of the selected programs, a broadcasting dates of the selected programs, and the viewing conditions of the selected programs; and

the process of determining determines whether the selected program is allowed to be viewed by comparison between the read viewing conditions and the read contract conditions; and

the displaying process of displaying displays at least the name of the selected program, and the contents information of the selected program, and information on the basis of the result

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~~of determining by the determining device on the identical screen, at least if the result of determining is that the selected program is not allowed to be viewed.~~

11. (currently amended): The program guide display method of displaying a program guide according to claim 10, wherein the displaying process of displaying information also displays the determining result information ~~on the basis of the result of determining by the determining device on the identical screen~~, if the result of determining is that the selected program is allowed to be viewed.

12. (currently amended): The program guide display method of displaying a program guide according to claim 10, wherein the received program information received in the program information receiving process ~~about programs~~ is provided by EPG data.

13. (new): The program guide display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the displaying device displays the specifying information, if the read viewing conditions indicates that the selected program is a free-of-charge program.

14. (new): The program guide display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the displaying device displays the specifying information, if the read viewing conditions indicates that the selected program is a pay-per-view program.

15. (new): The program guide display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein,
if the read viewing conditions indicates that the selected program is a conditional access
program,
the comparison device compares the read viewing conditions with the read contract
conditions, and
the determining device determines whether the selected program is allowed to be viewed.

16. (new): The program guide display method according to claim 7, wherein the
displaying process displays the specifying information, if the read viewing conditions indicates
that the selected program is a free-of-charge program.

17. (new): The program guide display method according to claim 7, wherein the
displaying process displays the specifying information, if the read viewing conditions indicates
that the selected program is a pay-per-view program.

18. (new): The program guide display method according to claim 7, wherein,
if the read viewing conditions indicates that the selected program is a conditional access
program,
the comparison process compares the read viewing conditions with the read contract
conditions, and

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the determining process determines whether the selected program is allowed to be viewed.